

**NEWS AND NONSENSE  
IN THE P. E. SHOPS**

Edited by Carleton B. Bell

Wm. M. Sarro "Grier" returned last week from a vacation trip to Texas. Bill is a native of the hon-horn country and just has to go back once in a while to see some cows. He reports Texas having lovely weather while he was there, nothing over 114 degrees and very little shade. Bill's fine coat of tan indicates the truth of his statements regarding the weather.

Burt Ordway of the store department is also spending his vacation visiting in Cleveland, Texas.

Frank Northcut has returned from his vacation trip during which he visited Cleveland, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo., Toledo, Ohio and several points in Nebraska. He did not enjoy the first few days of his vacation so much as he could not break himself into staying awake daytimes.

Mr. Brees spent most of his vacation at the P. E. Camp but before returning to work he took a short auto trip, visiting Santa Barbara, Bakersfield and other cities in the north.

We have to hand it to Gust DeParis for knowing what he wants and sticking to it until he gets it. His first trip two years ago to Italy to get a wife was not successful on account of the immigration laws. Gust laid his plans well and this time he met his bride-to-be in Cuba where he was married, and now they are both living happily in this country and are staunch members of the P. E. family.

I have just discovered why Harold Lynn is often called "White Hope." He stopped me the other day and criticized me for not publishing the fact at once that he was the father of two perfectly good twin babies. He explained to me what proved his right to the title of "White Hope." You see, the present record for large families on the P. E. belongs to a Mexican family with 13 children. Mr. Lynn now has 8 children and is still a vigorous young man. The hopes of P. E. employees for the vindication of the Nordic race may yet prove to be well-founded. Harold claims to be our hope.

Joe Tindall is having a real vacation. Joe is strong for the bump places on Vermont avenue in Gardena and is not getting very far away from it. However, he has gotten as far away as Tecate and other border towns. Joe reports having an especially enjoyable time on these trips, especially as he was not bothered by poor drinking water.

Levon Garnick reports having a fine vacation trip visiting Vancouver and other interesting intermediate points.

Ray Ewing and family are again residents of Torrance, having taken apartments in the El Contento apartments on Sartori avenue. After living in Torrance once folks seldom stay away long, especially if they know a good place when they see it.

Shop superintendent E. O. Straub and family left last Saturday on quite an extensive trip. They intend to be gone one month and to visit many points before returning. Mr. Straub will visit industrial plants and large railroad shops in St. Louis, Pittsburg, New York, Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago. He will also spend several days in Washington, D. C., finding out how this country is run. He also intends to have the pleasure of a ride up the Hudson River on a daylight boat from New York to Albany. It is only reasonable to expect great things of Mr. Straub when he returns, both in accounts of the trip and in improved methods of doing things in the shop.

Carl Bonney is on vacation and is visiting various vacation resorts in the Southern California mountains, most of the time being spent at Strawberry Flats.

Ed Leahy has just received word from Frank A. Taylor who was called east to Virginia on account of the serious illness of his mother. Mr. Taylor reports that his mother passed away a few hours before he reached her bedside.

Watchman Maisey is not only an expert gate watchman but quite an artist at washing windows till they shine as well. He had just completed a very artistic job of washing the windows in his booth the other day when he was relieved by another watchman whose specialty is cleaning out all the dust. The appearance of the windows the next day after the dust was removed caused Maisey's heart to almost break. A word of comfort will be most welcome.

Phil Osborn of the blacksmith shop is spending his vacation in Yosemite.

Nonie Fielder reports that he has had plenty of the lonesome life. He will be mighty glad when his wife returns from her trip east and he is able to have a square meal again. In the meantime he is trying the eighteen day diet for convenience sake, but thinks that 18 days is plenty. The son Therold had the misfortune to injure his feet in some way and has been laid up for some time on account of infection setting in. It looks like Nonie will have to stay on his diet at least until Therold's feet

have healed to the extent that he can travel.

The most interesting report I get on the ball players is that Dale Merritt had an error charged up to him the other night. It was Dale's turn at the bat and the situation called for a home run and he was only able to make a two bagger, hence the error charge against his record.

It may cost the company money to keep Sam's dog on the job. Sam got an idea after attention was called through these columns to the dog's intelligence. Sam has also trained the dog to carry his tools and various bits of material about the shop for him and now is considering getting him on the payroll as an electrician's helper at so much per hour.

Few people, even among our own employees, realize the many and varied expenses that our company has to contend with. Take the matter of wrecks, of which there have been nine during the last ten days that required repairs to be made at Torrance shops. The total cost of repairing these nine wrecks was \$1558.30, and this included no large wrecks, either, just the little every-day kind.

Thomas A. Edloin is not the only inventor that can get his picture in the paper. Our own Nonie Fielder and his screw sorting machine have had their picture in quite a number of the mechanical trades magazines of the country and Nonie has received a letter from the Berlin, Germany, publication that corresponds to Popular Mechanics of our country, requesting permission to publish the picture and print details of the machine and its inventor in their magazine in that country. Mr. Fielder's many friends will be glad to know that proper steps are being taken to protect the invention with patents and that the papers have been filed with the Patent office in Washington, D. C.

Joe Skivinsky is getting to be quite a bus driver and has a regular load of passengers, but one of them at least is trying to increase his insurance.

Edgar White has returned from his vacation much refreshed in body and spirit. He spent most of his time resting in the vicinity of 9th and Central street, Los Angeles.

Jack McEwing is making his vacation pay him big dividends. He has painted his Buick a beautiful shade of green and he is willing to pay any man 50 cents that can now tell it from the latest model, either in appearance or performance.

Chief Draftsman Frank A. Taylor had just the kind of a vacation he likes most. Two weeks at the camp with the family and lots of congenial friends that liked to play cards. He and Harry Clark report that the only fault they could find with the camp was that the nights were too short there for real card players.

Everybody reports wonderful ball games at the camp and all seem to agree that what made the games so good was the pitching of one Jimmie Supple, machinist apprentice. Oscar Brees is the only one that disagrees at all, he claims that his rooting at all, he claims to do with the three straight victories as Jimmie's pitching.

**Guild Buys Gingery  
In Gardena News**

The partnership of Guild-Gingery, publishers of the Gardena Valley News, has been dissolved. Lewis T. Guild, Jr., taking over the interests of L. E. Gingery, who announces that he will give his time to other interests.

**Real Estate and Builder's Page**

**Building Permits**

Charles Lanz, 2425 Park street, \$200 addition to house.  
Fay Parks, 1429 Marcelina avenue, \$500 brick garage.  
Nick Gallucci, 817 Madrid avenue, \$3700 5-room house, \$300 garage.  
Jessie True Hackett, 228 Palms Verdes Parkway, \$14,500 four-family stucco flat, \$500 stucco garage.  
Total permits issued in June, \$21,573.00. Permits for June, 1928, \$18,025.00.

**LOCAL DODGE AGENCY LEADS COUNTY SALES**

Sales of Dodge Brothers automobiles in Torrance lead all Los Angeles county last month in percentage of increase over quotas, according to advice received this week by Len Murray of Paul & Murray, Dodge Brothers dealers in Torrance.

The Torrance agency ran 127.3 per cent of their quota. Gardena ran second with 114.2 per cent; Boyle Heights third with 109 per cent. The majority of Torrance sales were of the Dodge Brothers six models, but the local agency also maintained its quota in Senior Six models and Dodge Brothers trucks.

Paul and Murray interpret the unusual showing as a reflection of the good business conditions in Torrance, as well as a recognition of the satisfactory service rendered by their agency to Dodge Brothers owners in this territory.

**Girl Breaks Bone  
In Fall On Steps**

Marion Spehger, 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Spehger of 1307 Portola avenue, sustained a fractured collar bone Sunday when she fell from some steps in Brookside Park, Pasadena. She was brought to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital for treatment and then taken home, where she is getting along nicely.

**Men Hurt By  
Fall Into Pit**

George Woodward, 1413 Madrid avenue, sustained a scalp wound Sunday afternoon when the railing around a sunken pit at the Union Tool gave way and he and Joe Smith of Martins avenue, plunged backwards and head-first into the pit.

They were taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital for treatment. Both men were badly shaken up by the fall.

**CHANGE MEETING DATE**  
Central Evangelical Guild has changed their meeting date to the second Wednesday of every month. They will have their next meeting next Wednesday at Guild hall. It will be an all day meeting.



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**AN ENGLISH HOUSE ON A SLOPE**

Probably one reason for the popularity of the English cottage style of residence is the emphasis which this style places upon the living room. In these houses there is no precise balance to be kept between one side and the other, so the size of the living room is not limited by the size of other rooms. Especially when the living room stands by itself in an "L" jutting from the main body of the house, do we have the best chance for achieving a truly worthwhile apartment. The rooms may then be three sides promise adequate sun throughout the day and good ventilation at all times. To create a good living room, however, the other rooms of the house above have not in the least been slighted. The first floor also contains a well-proportioned dining room, a kitchen, a maid's room and, of course sufficient pantries and closets. For the kitchen, a service entrance is provided at the rear of the house. On the second floor are three bedrooms and two baths. The master's bedroom measures 17 feet by 18 feet, 10 inches and has a private bath. The next largest bedroom is connected with the bath which has another entrance for use of the occupant of the third bedroom. Because the land on which this house is located sloped away quite abruptly at one side, the architect was able to locate the garage on what is really the basement level of the residence. Julius Gregory, architect. (Copyright 1929 by House & Garden)

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